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The
South African Library for the Blind
GRAHAMSTOWN

BRAILLE BOOKS.

MOON TYPE BOOKS.

MUSIC.

TALKING BOOK RECORDS.

21ST ANNUAL REPORT

1st January, 1944—31st December, 1944.

The South African Library for the Blind.

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21st ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the South African Library for the Blind was held on June 14th in St. George's Hall, the Mayor (Rev. G. H. P. Jacques, M.B.E.) presiding over a good attendance.

After the reading of the annual report by the Secretary, Miss Josie Wood, the Hon. Treasurer (Col. B. M. Fuller) submitted the financial report, which disclosed a small adverse balance, though a sound financial position and a successful year.

The Chairman, moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said he was glad there was an adverse balance, for it made them realise the difficulty of keeping up such an institution as this. One difficulty was to maintain during the time of war the number of books in the Library, though many of the public had helped considerably. With an institution of this kind they must continually renew their books. They had, besides braille and moon-type, a number of talking books, and they tried to keep these up to standard and maintain the average with new books.

More Room Needed.

There was another aspect of the Library to which he would like to draw attention and that was the need for extension of the premises. As Miss Wood had reported they had 10,000 books and these needed extra room for storage. The Committee were holding back the matter of extension until building conditions were more favourable and when the building scheme was started extra funds would be needed. The Library had a wonderful scope supplying not only the major portions of South Africa

but catering for the needs of blinded subscribers as far away as Uganda. He expressed appreciation of Miss Wood's continued service in maintaining the Library on a high standard, such as she had done for many years. The Library centred around her and it was a very great happiness for members of the Council to have her unfailing inspiration. The blind readers whom he had met had a great regard for her services, which brought tremendous happiness into their lives.

The Committee were also indebted to the whole staff who worked well, intelligently and faithfully, and with enthusiasm. He sympathised with Miss Blackwell in the continuance of her long illness and they hoped her health would be greatly improved. They were very grateful for her long service.

In conclusion, the Chairman said it was a great pleasure and privilege to be able to help on the work of the Library and it gave him very great pleasure to move the adoption of "this really remarkable report."

Father Nairne seconded and expressed thanks to Miss Wood and staff.

The reports were then adopted, with acclamation.

Blind Workers in Port Elizabeth.

Mrs. S. H. Marks, President of the Civilian Blind Society, Port Elizabeth, having been introduced to the meeting, gave an interesting outline of the meeting of that Society's work. She showed how out of small beginnings 14 years ago their enterprise had grown to great

proportions. They gave practical instruction to blind workers in basket-work, the making of mattresses, and while the former was difficult in view of limited supplies of cane, they were now making all the mattresses for the hospitals in their centre. They also had knitting machines.

In March, 1936, when the Blind Persons Act was passed, the preliminary work started on a new footing and developed, as figures given to the meeting showed. Her Society showed sympathy for the blind workers in their relative loneliness, and social amenities and welfare work amongst them had grown to good proportions. The cheeriness in the workshop was surprising. The Society was planning a branch workshop at New Brighton for Bantu workers. Also work amongst blinded ex-soldiers after the war was being planned especially for those men who were not eligible for St. Dunstan's Home.

Civilians with sight could hardly appreciate the vast capabilities of the blind, which were truly remarkable, and Mrs. Marks thought more could be done in the employment of blind workers. Prejudices should be overcome and these workers needed sympathetic help.

The Bishop of Grahamstown proposed as an unopposed motion a vote of thanks to Mrs. Marks for her very interesting address in describing the activities of her Society amongst the blind.

In closing the meeting, the Chairman said the public were invited to make a personal inspection of the Library for the Blind in High-street, and see for themselves how necessary it was to make improvements such as he had suggested.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1944.

We regret to record the death of the Rev. Charles Crabtree. He was a member of our Council from July, 1942. He was also the representative of Our Own Blind Association, Durban. Unfortunately, Miss Tilley had to resign, as she was leaving Grahamstown. We are glad to welcome Miss T. Miller who has been nominated in her place by Rhodes University College.

We are most grateful to Mr. E. A. P. Wagstaff for auditing our books, especially as statements from overseas came very late when he was extremely busy.

Books, Pamphlets and Music.

Most of these come from the National Institute for the Blind, London. As we belong to a British Dominion, we are privileged to get the books at a two-thirds reduction. The Institute has been most generous in replacing goods lost at sea free of charge. At the end of the year, we had 10,041 volumes on our shelves, an increase of 530. The number issued was 7,453 volumes, 230 more than in the previous year.

Magazines and Papers.—We continue to get 37 of these, some bought some given. Over 7,000 were issued in the year. There is a variety of magazines to suit most tastes and they are very popular. As a rule one is included in each book parcel. Two of the magazines are produced in the Union.

Books bought.—There was a complete new Moon Bible in 58 volumes. Other books on various subjects include the following: "Memory hold the Door" (Buchau), "Testament of Beauty" (Bridges), "The Man Born to be King," first six plays (Sayers), "Oaken Chest" (Allingham), "All this

and Heaven Too" (Field), "Spanish Bride" (Heyer), "Miss Mole" (E. H. Young), "The Ship" (C. S. Forester), and a number of detective stories. Also, among educational works, "The King's English" (Fowler), and, by request, such French and German books as we could get. Vocational books included those on telephone operating, typewriting, braille shorthand, basket making, etc. Special music was added.

Gifts and Helpers.

The School for the Blind, Worcester, has given us several Afrikaans books as well as "Sunny South Readers." Our transcribers' books are bound at Worcester and we subscribe £20 towards the production of "Die Nuwe Pionier," their bi-lingual magazine.

We had welcome gifts of Braille machines from the Rev. J. S. Lister, from Mrs. B. M. Fuller and from Mr. H. M. Mathew. We were also given playing cards, Christmas cards and some readers gave us books and magazines.

Mrs. B. E. White and Mrs. D. C. Hoole kindly made khaki covers for packing our books for post. Mr. A. Elliott sent us five vols. in Xhosa Braille, one copy of St. Mark and two copies of St. Luke. A number of books were sent by the Guild of Church Braillists. The National Home Reading Union, East London, presented "The Life of Madame Curie" in five volumes "in memory of Mrs. Dalgleish."

Miss Espin has passed the National Library (London) Braille test. She is doing Miss Blackwell's work and some Braille teaching. She re-brailled one of our hand-done books that had been lost at sea going to Mauritius.

Mrs. Leach has done corrections for the St. Dunstan's men working for their braille tests at Tembani.

Mrs. Varder continues her correspondence with Blind Guides.

Miss M. Emslie has kindly given her services when any one of the staff has been on holiday.

Transcribers brailled the following books: Mrs. Ratsey "The Pied Piper," four volumes; Mrs. Rose Innes "A Spinner in the Sun," three volumes, and "A Vagrant Tune," two volumes; Father Millard "Battle," two volumes, "Seek ye First," and "Pressure Gauge Murder," three volumes. This last book was presented by Mrs. van Linsingen. It was written by her son. Miss M. T. Watson reecopied "In the Fog," "Havoc," four volumes, and "Captain Desmond," six volumes; Mrs. van Ginkel did some "Kort Verhale." Mr. Allwright brailles the quarterly "Johannesburg Braille Club Magazine" and gives us two copies.

Talking Books.

In 1943 we had in stock 323 books. In 1944, 399 books. Many more were ordered but were delayed in transit, but we received 1,201 new records, mostly from America (94 were replacements). In 1944, there were 22,374 records issued. Of these, 71 were broken in the post—fewer breakages than in the previous year in spite of the fact that we had sent out 3,000 more. This increase in issues is partly due to the fact that with the newer thinner records, more can be packed in each parcel.

Our contact with the Rhodesian Society for the Blind is a happy one, for we are able to lend each other records as occasion demands. Records bought include a great variety

of books. The readers and their relatives are most appreciative. We were specially glad that we were privileged to help a lieutenant-commander of the Royal Navy who was invalided on his back from Malta and to whom the books proved of such comfort in the short life that remained to him in the Simonstown Hospital.

The St. Dunstan's Committee have expressed their appreciation of the work of the Library and have again given us £50 for buying new records. The number of readers remains about the same. There are 59 individual readers as well as five societies getting records.

Readers.

During the year 306 readers made use of Braille or Moon Type and besides these, we supplied books and music to eight schools and institutions. St. Dunstan's Training Home, Tembani, had a number of beginners' books and have a complete set of our anatomy and physiology books. We got into touch with 30 new people, of these 25 are reading or learning to read. We have readers in all parts of the Union and a few scattered in Rhodesia, Kenya, South-West Africa, Gambia, Nyasaland and Mauritius.

Three of our readers have died. Two were very old friends. Miss Jeanie MacPherson joined the Library in 1919 and wrote to us often. She loved her books and records and was always busy knitting, latterly for soldiers or for Red Cross. She left the Library £25 and with part of this we hope to have some of the Rev. Robert Barr's books "Flowers" and "Trees" put into Braille, as Miss MacPherson once expressed a wish to have this done.

Mr. C. C. Church, of Kimberley,

was one of our earliest readers. In gratitude for what the Library meant to him, he took blind people into his own home and trained them in Braille, in crafts and in mattress-making. I know of at least two blind persons, who lost their sight accidentally and were lifted out of dire despair by the training and help which Mr. Church gave to them. In 1930, the S.A. National Council for the Blind made a special gift of a carding machine to Mr. Church "in recognition of his great services to his fellow blind."

Readers' comments are often very interesting. Miss Guard says of talking books and braille books, "they complete each other so beautifully. A light novel on a talking book machine can be most amusing, for you fly through and haven't time to see all the faults of construction and style. With Braille, it is different, because Braille takes time and effort and one wants a book which needs a bit of digesting—something to remember."

Miss Herring is rebrailing some Elizabethan lectures for another reader. She says "reading them in Braille not only gives them added interest, but somehow one gets so much more out of them." Miss Herring has passed her Braille test with the National Institute for the Blind, London.

Miss Watson is President of the Capetown Civilian Society and Chairman of their Welfare Committee.

Miss Guard and Mr. Schermbrucker help to run the Lighthouse Social Club.

Many readers are teaching Braille and prove most efficient teachers. A new school for the blind has been started in Rhodesia under Mr. Dan Windell.

Moon Type.

As one or two people have questioned the necessity of having moon type as well as Braille, I quote from the last report of the National Library for the Blind, London: "It is interesting to note that the number of readers of moon type is steadily increasing, proving that reading plays a large part in the lives of those who find the simpler type easier to master than the dot system. Quite a number of readers, after learning moon, find it has so trained their sense of touch that they are able to advance to Braille." This has been our experience, especially with those who are temporarily unable to read ordinary print while they are waiting to have an operation for cataract.

Mr. G. G. Abraham was an enthusiastic teacher of moon type and helped many readers in Durban. We regret to record his death. He was a good friend to many blind folk.

Provident Fund.

This fund was started in a small way in 1942. Last year Mr. Samuel Thomson, who has appreciated the service of the Library in supplying him with talking books, undertook to collect for this fund. His personal appeal met with remarkable success. £1,000 has been invested in Post Office certificates and two lots of Union Loan Certificates have been taken out and will mature at £1,000 each.

Captain Carr Anderson at Temhani kindly undertook to collect for the fund in Capetown and added substantially to it. When the Library Council instituted the fund in 1942, it was agreed "that any monies disbursed at any time should be in recognition of financial need and long

service, and that such disbursements should at all times be entirely at the discretion of the Council of the Library." In June last, one of our staff who has been with us over 20 years, fell and broke her hip. The Council decided that money from the Provident Fund should be available to meet medical and hospital fees and to make provision for the coming year.

Mr. Samuel Thomson urges that the Library has not sufficient publicity and that many more might use it if only they knew of its existence. He also insists that more financial support would be forthcoming if the right appeal were made. Father Nairne in a broadcast sermon on charity spoke of the work and value of the Library and the need of more public support. There was immediate response from distant centres.

All four Provincial Councils help us with grants. The Administrator and the Cape Provincial Council have approved the increase of their grant to £200. We are very grateful to them and especially to Mr. J. C. Rae who, in a debate in the Council, stressed the value of the work of the Library to the blind community in all parts of Africa.

The South African National Council for the Blind held its biennial meeting in Capetown during October. The Library was represented by our Chairman and Secretary. Mr. Advocate Bowen was elected Chairman for the ensuing two years. Several of our readers were delegates and Mr. Fnehs was chosen to represent the blind community on the Executive. Miss Wood was again elected to the Executive. The National Council continues its annual grant of £50 towards the purchase of talking book records and equipment.

The Institute for Blind Workers, Johannesburg, had an exhibition of blind work at the Social Welfare Exhibition held in the Witwatersrand University last September. Miss A. May Rogers, their secretary, kindly arranged our exhibit and also represented us at this South African National Conference on Post-War Planning of Social Welfare Work.

Owing to the fact that 1944 was the silver jubilee of the Library, a number of people made special gifts and this was the case in public libraries where they have collecting boxes for our benefit. I should like to mention Bedford and Kingwilliamstown where the librarians and their friends sold flowers and other things and in some cases trebled the usual amounts sent from their boxes. At Wynberg, Miss Murray Rawbone kindly arranged an exhibit of Braille books, etc., with excellent results.

We are most grateful to all our subscribers, both public and private. I must mention locally the Women's League of Help for arranging a street collection, the Grahamstown Bowling Club, the local Press, schools here and elsewhere, transcribers, the Standard Bank, the Eastern Province Guardian Loan Company, and the staff of the Grahamstown Post Office. We give the staff a very great deal of extra work but their courtesy and ready help are unfailing.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen,—Last year, as you will remember, I was able, for the first time in my Treasurership, to report a surplus of income over expenditure. It was not a large one, but it was certainly a step in the right direction. This

year we show a small deficit of 14 guineas, but that is due to having paid off our 1943 contribution of £50 to the Staff Provident Fund which was in arrears on the 1st January, 1944, so we really have an excess of income over expenditure of £35 for the year under review.

Apart from our contribution to the Provident Fund, our expenditure is £143 up, the chief items being £53 for salaries and wages, £41 for postage and travelling, £17 for advertising, printing and stationery and £25 on account of depreciation. To meet this, our income shows an increase of £170, chiefly due to an increase of £84 in donations, subscriptions and collections and to a very generous increase in the Cape Province grant.

Turning to our balance sheets, the increase of over £3,000 in our liabilities is almost entirely due to the very generous contributions to our Staff Provident Fund, which now amounts to close on £3,000. I would also mention the McPherson bequest of £25, which has been credited to our capital account.

As regards the assets, you will notice that the funds of the Staff Provident Fund are kept entirely separate from those of the Library. The only other items that call for comment are an increase of £110 in the value of our talking books and stock, and that we have £200 more invested. Against that, our property has been written down by £30, being the usual 1 per cent. depreciation and our debtors owe us £34 less than they did in the previous balance sheet, and our cash is £103 down.

I think that we can all congratulate Miss Wood on yet another very successful year and a particularly sound financial position.

SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS, GIFTS.

From January 1st to December 31st, 1944.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Adendorff, Mr. J. C.	15	0		Douthwaite, G. R., Esq.	1	0	0
Allen, Mrs.	10	0		Drury, Mrs. Dru	2	2	0
Anon. (Alice)	1	1	0	Duncan, Mrs.	10	0	
Anon. (Delmas)	15	0		Dunn, Mr. F. T.	1	1	0
Anon. (Friend of St.				Edwards, Miss G. E.	2	2	0
Aidan's College	10	0	0	Emslie, Miss M. L.	1	0	0
Anon. (Grahamstown)	5	0	0	Ensor, Miss	10	0	
Anon. (per Fr. Nairne)	1	1	0	Espin, C. E., Esq.	1	0	0
Apex Mines Ltd.	2	2	0	Etheridge, The Rt. Rev.			
Apthorp, Major & Mrs.	1	1	0	Bishop	5	0	0
Armstrong, Mrs. Peter	10	6		Fatti & Co., Ltd.	1	1	0
Ayliff, Miss Rose	5	0		Featherstone, Miss E. E. ..	5	0	
Barnes, Mr. & Mrs.	1	1	0	Fowler, Miss	10	0	
Barratt, Mrs.	1	15	0	Gant, Mr. & Mrs.	1	1	0
Bayly, Mrs.	5	0		Garcia, Mrs. Claire & Mrs.			
Bennett, Rev. C. W. & Mrs.	2	2	0	Hayton (In memory of			
Beves, Mrs.	1	1	0	their Mother)	1	1	0
Blore, Mrs.	7	6		Garnett, Mrs.	2	0	0
Bond, Mrs. Beviss.	5	0	0	Glanville, Miss Ada	1	0	0
Botha, Miss Antoinette	8	11		Godlonton, B. G.	5	0	0
Botha, Mrs. P. B.	2	2	0	Godlonton Miss E.	5	0	0
Bowker, Mr. & Mrs. T.	5	5	0	Gordon, Peter	10	0	
Brevis, Mr. & Mrs.	8	8	0	Graham, Miss E.	1	0	0
Britton, F. H., Esq.	1	1	0	Graham, Mrs. M.	2	0	0
Browne, Mrs. Helen	1	1	0	Greathead, Miss	6	0	
Brownstein, Mr. M. L.	10	10	0	Greathead, Mrs. J. B.	1	1	0
Brunsdon, Miss S. E.	1	4	0	Green, Miss M. Griffith	1	1	0
Carlisle, Miss D.	1	1	0	Greene, Colonel J. M.	10	0	0
Celliers, Mrs.	10	0		Guard, Miss C.	10	6	
Cockerton, Mrs.	2	2	6	Hall, The Misses A. & G.	2	0	6
Coetzee, Miss Renzie.	10	0		Harris, Mr. L. M.	10	15	0
Cogan, Miss A. M.	1	1	6	Hay, Mrs. M. R.	2	2	0
Cohen, Mr. Walter	5	0		Hayton, Mrs.	5	0	
Copeman, Mrs.	1	0	0	Herbst, Miss Bertha	10	0	
Cory, Lady (In memory of				Herley, Mr. W. W.	1	0	0
Sir George)	2	0	0	Herring, Miss B.	1	1	0
Currey, C. C., Esq.	2	6		Hullah, Mr. & Mrs.	1	0	0
Currie, Mrs. W. A.	7	0		Immerman, Mr. A.	5	0	
Davies, Miss E. B.	10	0		Impey, Mr. & Mrs.	2	0	0
Despland, Mrs.	2	2	0	Jacobs, Miss	2	0	
Dixon, Mr. & Mrs. W. G.	3	10	0	Jarmain, Mr. & Mrs.	1	1	0
(Interest from W. Gordon				(In memory of Frank			
Dixon Trust Fund).				Ritchie).			
Douglas, Mrs.	2	6		Jefferys, Miss A.	2	6	

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Joubert, Miss Anna	2	0		Robertson, Dr. Janet	2	2	0
Kahn, Mr. S.	18	3		Rogers, Rev. A. S.		5	0
Kannemeyer, Mrs.	1	1	0	Rosenthal, Eric, Esq.	4	4	0
Kidger, C. E., Esq.	2	2	6	Rousseau, Prof. & Mrs.	1	1	0
Kleinfontein Estates and Township Ltd.	2	2	0	Savage, Mrs. D.		18	6
Kruger, Mr. J. C.		2	6	Scheuble, Mrs. A. E.	3	3	0
Lamb, Miss A. F.	2	2	0	Sleading & Tidmarsh, The Misses	1	1	0
Lansdown, Mr. Justice	2	2	0	Smith, Miss Doris		10	0
Lefebvre, Mrs.	1	0	0	Smith, Miss Town	2	0	0
Le Roux, Mr. J.	1	0	0	Spies, Mr. M. C. G.	1	0	0
Light, Mrs.		5	0	Sprigg, Miss J.		10	0
Louw, Mrs.		3	0	Stander, Miss Bertha		2	6
MacGillivray, W. M., Esq.	1	0	0	Stidolph, Miss	1	0	0
Mackinnon, Mrs.		10	0	Stofberg, Mr. J. A.		1	6
Malan, Miss Sanie		10	0	Strachan, Mrs.	1	1	6
Mardall, Mrs.	1	1	0	Thomas, Dr. & Mrs. Smeath	1	1	0
Matthew, H. M., Esq.	1	0	0	Thomson, Samuel, Esq.	10	0	0
Meyer, Mrs.		7	6	Tribolet, Mrs.	2	0	0
Miles, Mrs. Talbot		2	6	Twine, Mr.		10	6
Moore, Rev. D.		5	0	Van der Linde, Mr. J. H.		10	0
Morgan, Mrs. Voyle		10	0	Van Dorsten, Miss I.		2	0
Muller, Mr. B.	2	2	0	Van Eyssen, Miss Esme	1	0	0
Mullins, Miss Nonie and Helpers (Sale of Rosettes)	3	14	6	Van Niekerk, Mr. C. W.		10	0
Mullins, Mrs. W.	2	0	0	Van Niekerk, Mr. G. C.		1	6
Munro, Mrs. A. W.	4	0	0	Van Velden, Mr. A. C.	1	1	0
Murray, Mrs. C. Z.	2	2	0	Varder, Mrs.		10	6
Myburgh, Mrs.	2	2	0	Venter, Miss Anna		10	0
do. do. (Sale of Croquet Set)	5	0	0	Venter, Miss B.		2	0
McArthur, Mr. & Mrs.	1	1	0	Venter & Coetzee, The Misses		10	0
McCormack, Mrs. J.		3	0	Vernal, Mrs.	1	1	0
McKay, Miss E. Y.		5	0	Verster, Miss I.		3	0
McKiernin, H. W., Esq.	1	1	0	Viney, A. D., Esq.	2	2	0
Neale, Mrs.	1	0	0	Vyvyan, Mrs.	2	2	0
Nicholas, D. L., Esq.	1	0	6	Wallis, Mrs. J. G.	2	10	0
Ossher, Mr. & Mrs. A. M.	1	1	0	White, Mrs. F. R.	2	2	0
Palmer, Brig.-Gen. C. C.	2	2	0	Wiles, C. C., Esq.		10	0
Parsons, Mrs.	1	0	0	Wilkinson, Lieut. J.		10	0
Pienaar, Mr. J. J.	1	0	0	Williams, Diana		10	0
Price, Dr. & Mrs. Bernard	3	0	0	Wood, Mr. & Mrs.		10	0
Rankin, Mrs. E. N.	1	0	0	Wood, Miss B. C.	1	1	0
Reeler, Mrs.	1	1	0	Wood, Mrs. Henry	1	1	6
Ritchie, Mr. T. P.	1	1	0	Worthington, Miss V. E.	3	3	0
Robb, Mr. D.		5	0	Wright, Mrs. E. C.		5	0
Robertson, Mrs.	4	0		Yeomans, Mr. & Mrs.	1	1	0

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Street Collection.				Grahamstown Public Library	3	3	7	
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Girl Guides.					£	s.	d.	
Molteno		15	0	Kimberley	2	0	0	
Schools.				King William's Town ..	9	5	0	
Anzav Government School,				Kokstad.....		10	0	
Brakpan (2 donations)	5	10	0	Ladysmith, Natal.....	1	1	0	
Burt House, High School				Malmesbury		15	0	
for Girls, Queenstown ..	2	0	0	Middelburg, Cape.....	3	4	11	
Cornish House, D.S.G.	3	17	0	Oudtshoorn.....	1	13	0	
Johannesburg High School				Paarl	3	0	6	
for Girls, Barnato Park	8	4	6	Pietermaritzburg	2	3	0	
V.G.H.S., Small Boarders				Port Alfred	1	15	6	
of Dorset House		12	1	Port Elizabeth.....	2	1	0	
V.G.H.S., Macdonald House	12	14	9	Pretoria, State Library ..	5	9	8	
Societies.				Queenstown	3	0	0	
East London Branch National				Rondebosch.....	2	5	0	
Home Reading Union	1	10	0	Simonstown	2	0	0	
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of Mrs. Dalgleish).....		12	6	Umtata		10	0	
East London Society for				Wellington		10	6	
the Blind	5	5	0	Witbank Club, Witbank ..	3	4	11	
Johannesburg Society to				Wynberg	4	6	0	
Help the Civilian Blind	5	5	0					£472 3 8
Port Elizabeth Society for				Grants for Talking Book				
the Blind.....	5	5	0	Equipment.				
Rhodesian Society for Care				St. Dunstan's African Com-				
of the Blind	10	10	0	mittee (per Mrs. Chad-				
Staff, Main Store, Rand-				wick Bates).....	50	0	0	
fontein	3	1	6	S. African National Coun-				
Trinity Church Women's				cil for the Blind	50	0	0	
Association (Senior)	1	0	0					£100 0 0
Grahamstown Bowling Club	20	0	0	Bequest.				
Public Libraries and other				The late Miss Jennie Mc-				
Collecting Boxes.				Pherson	25	0	0	
Aliwal North	6	6	0	Provincial Councils.				
Barberton	1	6	0	Grants-in-Aid.				
Bedford.....	3	0	0	Cape Province	175	0	0	
Benoni	2	0	0	Transvaal.....	100	0	0	
Bloemfontein	1	10	0	Natal	50	0	0	
Boksburg	6	14	0	O.F.S.	25	0	0	
Ceres		11	0					£350 0 0
East London	1	7	0	Social Welfare.				
Ermelo	1	4	9	Grant-in-Aid.				
Grahamstown, Bannerman				Social Welfare	200	0	0	
House Collecting Box ..	2	16	3					

Municipalities.				Divisional Councils.			
Grahamstown	10	0	0	Albany	5	0	0
Johannesburg	10	0	0	Port Elizabeth	10	0	0
Queenstown	2	2	0				
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	£22	2	0		£15	0	0

PROVIDENT FUND FOR THE S.A. LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND.

Total of Provident Fund 31.12.44				..	£2,880 15s. 6d.
£100	0	0	African & European Investment Co., Ltd. African Explosives & Industries Ltd. Anglo-American Corporation S.A. Anglo-Transvaal Consolidated Investment Co., Ltd. Four Oil Companies, Shell, Vacuum, Atlantic & Caltex. General Mining and Finance Corporation Ltd. Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Co., Ltd. (Barnato Group). New Consolidated Goldfields Ltd. Rand Mines Ltd. United Building Society, Johannesburg. Union Corporation Ltd.		
£62	0	0	Members of the Royal Cape Golf Club.		
£50	0	0	Barclay's Bank (D. C. & O.), Johannesburg. Cape Town Members of Johannesburg Stock Exchange. De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd. New Union Goldfields Ltd. Robert Niven, Esq. Standard Bank of South Africa (Cape Town). Stewarts & Lloyds Ltd. "Wellwisher".		
£26	5	0	C. R. Cliffe & Neale. Messrs. D. F. Corlett (Pty.) Ltd. V. H. Russ, Esq.		
£25	0	0	African Consolidated Investments Corporation Ltd. G. H. Beatty, Esq. Cleghorn & Harris Ltd. C. H. Leake, Esq. Messrs. Lennon Ltd. Rand Provident Building Society. E. W. McL. Thomas, Esq.		
£20	0	0	Edw. L. Bateman, Esq. Messrs. Ferguson Bros. E. C. Jamieson, Esq. W. F. Johnstone & Co., Ltd. Wm. Spilhaus & Co., Ltd. The "Star" (Johannesburg). Samuel Thomson, Esq.		
£15	15	0	Messrs. Herbert Evans & Co. O.K. Bazaars.		

£10	10	0	Arderne, Scott & Thesen Ltd. Thos. Barlow & Sons (S.A.) Ltd. John Barrow (Pty.) Ltd. Cape Argus. Castle Brewery, Woodstock. Central News Agency Ltd. (Johannesburg). T. W. Cullinan, Esq. W. M. Cuthbert & Co., Ltd. Hubert Davies & Co., Ltd. Elephant Trading (S.A.) Holdings Ltd. Garlicks Interests. F. Glenton, Esq. W. Gordon, Esq. Greaterman's Stores Ltd. Hunt, Leuchars & Hepburn Ltd. J. W. Jagger & Co. (Johannesburg). Jooste & Bryant Ltd. M. Mendelsohn, Esq. Mosenthal Bros. (Johannesburg). Ohlsson's Cape Breweries. Randles Bros. & Hudson Ltd. Sine Bros. & Karnovsky. S.A. General Electric Co. Stuttafords & Co., Ltd. Sydney Thompson & Co. (Pty.) Ltd. James Thompson (Pty.) Ltd. F. A. Unger, Esq. Union-Castle Mail S.S. Co.
£10	1	0	E. Farrer, Esq.
£10	0	0	T. S. Adams, Esq. African Oxygen & Acetylene (Pty.) Ltd. Apex Mines Ltd. Cape Times Ltd. Mrs. I. Cohen. F. Connock, Esq. Dorman Long (Africa Ltd.). John Davidson, Esq. Fletcher & Cartwright Ltd. David Gilmour, Esq. Mrs. J. L. Grant. D. C. Greig, Esq. Messrs. Hortors Ltd. Kleinfontein Estates & Township. M. Lipschitz, Esq. J. B. Lithgow, Esq. George Mackenzie, Esq. John W. Mackenzie, Esq. Louis M. Mailer, Esq. C. B. Mallock, Esq. J. H. L. Manisty, Esq. E. Mansfield & Co. R. S. Mennie, Esq. Len Oates, Esq. James Osborne, Esq. M. C. L. Porter, Esq. J. B. Pryde, Esq. Rand Daily Mail Ltd. J. O. Reid, Esq. J. H. Richardson & Co.

			K. Richardson, Esq. Rosiberg Minerals Development Co., Ltd. Stanley Motors Ltd. J. B. Taylor, Esq. Messrs. Thrupp & Co. A. D. Viney, Esq. W. Morgan Winstanley, Esq.
£5	5	0	Alliance Building Society, Johannesburg. F. H. S. Bamford, Esq. Messrs. Bell & Dewar. M. L. Brownstein, Esq. Sydney Clow & Co., Ltd. C. Dithelm, Esq. Douglas Low & Co. S. W. Fieldgate, Esq. B. N. Friel, Esq. Messrs. Geen & Richards. E. Georgeu, Esq. S. F. Harvey, Esq. Henwood, Son, Soutter & Co. C. W. Hollidge, Esq. E. L. Jackson, Esq. Messrs. Leon & Co., Ltd. J. G. Little, Esq. Natal Building Society. M. T. Nunnerley, Esq. John Orr & Co., Johannesburg. Parry, Leon & Hayhoe Ltd. Shepherd & Barker Ltd. A. N. Smith, Esq. Mark Summerfield, Esq. S.A. Permanent Mutual Building Society. Syfret's Trust Co., Ltd. Messrs. E. W. Tarry & Co. W. S. Thomas & Co. Transvaal Rubber Co.
£5	0	0	Mrs. Bacon. W. S. Barclay, Esq. Ewan S. Currey, Esq. Miss Emslie. Rev. G. H. P. Jacques. Stanley Maynard, Esq. Reynolds Sons & Partners. Robert Swan, Esq. Mr. and Mrs. Tevis. W. E. D.
£3	3	0	Richard R. Currie Ltd. Messrs. Katz & Lourie.
£2	2	0	Federal Wine & Brandy Co. (Pty.). L. G. Heard, Esq. W. E. Parker, Esq. The Hon. F. C. Sturrock.
£1	0	0	Master S. de Courcy Hamilton. W. Pott, Esq.
	10	6	Miss C. Guard.

A donation of £25 to the Provident Fund given in December, 1944, by the United Tobacco Companies (South) Ltd. did not reach us until January, 1945, and is therefore not included in this list.

RULES.

1. The books are lent free of charge.
2. The books go by post by special rate to any part of the Union.
(For rates see back of cover.) Books must not be sent by rail.
3. Readers are requested to send a list of books required, and to return each volume as soon as read.
4. A volume may be kept for one month unless needed for study, when, with the permission of the Librarian, it may be kept for a longer period.
5. Readers are asked not to keep magazines or knitting patterns, but to return each one with the book with which it is sent.
6. Readers are begged to take great care of the books, to keep them clean and free from damp, and not to turn down pages.
7. Canvas covers, cardboard covers or strong paper and string are used for packing the books. Readers should pack the books carefully in these for return postage.
8. Readers are begged to let the Librarian know at once of any change of address.
9. Any infectious or contagious illness shall *at once* be notified to the Librarian.
10. Anyone wanting to borrow books should send a letter of reference from a J.P., a clergyman or other well-known person acquainted with them.
11. All letters referring to books, Braille paper, etc., should be addressed to:

THE SECRETARY,
South African Library for the Blind,
Grahamstown.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND, GRAHAMSTOWN.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1944.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.			PROPERTY AND ASSETS.		
SUNDRY CREDITORS	£30	15 8	PROPERTY.	£2976	0 0
DEVELOPMENT FUND	1000	0 0	As per last Balance Sheet.	29	15 0
GODLONTON BEQUEST	£500	0 0	Less Depreciation 1%		2916 5 0
STRUBEN BEQUEST	250	0 0	BOOKS AND CASES.		
HOWARD BEQUEST	250	0 0	As per last Balance Sheet.	828	10 0
SHERRY BEQUEST	50	0 0	Add Additions less Sales	91	14 3
ROSS BEQUEST	283	7 4		920	4 3
McPIERSON BEQUEST	25	0 0	Less Depreciation 10%	92	0 3
		1358 7 4		828	4 0
STAFF PROVIDENT FUND:—			FURNITURE, FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT.		
Balance as at 31st Dec., 1943	51	0 10	As per last Balance Sheet.	199	0 0
Add Public Donations	2880	15 6	Add Additions during the year	12	3 0
Own Contribution	100	0 0		211	3 0
Interest on P.O. Savings A/c	1	5 6	Less Depreciation 7½%	15	16 6
	3033	1 10		195	6 6
Less Withdrawals	65	1 3	TALKING BOOK RECORDS AND EQUIPMENT.		
		2968 0 7	As per last Balance Sheet.	447	0 0
CAPITAL ACCOUNT:—			Add Additions during the year	240	14 7
As per last Balance Sheet	5489	4 4		687	14 7
Add Talking Book Donations	100	0 0	Less Depreciation 20%	137	10 7
Gift Books	9	9 7		550	4 0
	5598	13 11	STOCKS ON HAND.		
Less Deficit for the year	14	14 6	Braille Machines, Paper, etc.	25	15 10
		5583 19 5	Needles	29	0 1
				54	15 11
			SUNDRY DEBTORS.		
			Accrued Grants	212	10 0
			Accrued Interest	32	1 2
				244	11 2
			PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE		4 10 0
			DEVELOPMENT FUND INVESTMENT.		
			S.A. Permanent Building Society. Fixed Deposit	1000	0 0
			INVESTMENTS.		
			United Building Society.		
			Permanent Paid-up Shares 4%	1200	0 0
			E.P. Guardian Loan & Investment Co.		
			Fixed Deposit 3%	50	0 0
			E.P. Building Society.		
			Permanent Paid-up Shares 4%	300	0 0
			Fixed Deposit 3½%	200	0 0
				1750	0 0
			STAFF PROVIDENT FUND.		
			Standard Bank No. 2 Account	34	18 9
			P.O. Savings Account	358	1 10
			P.O. Savings Bank Certificates	1000	0 0
			Union Loan Certificates	1575	0 0
				2968	0 7
			CASH AND BANK BALANCES.		
			Standard Bank.—Current Account	154	7 8
			E.P. Building Society.—At Call	170	9 2
			E.P. Guardian Co.—At Call	73	9 3
			Cash in hand	19	9
				399	5 10
				£10941	3 0

I hereby certify that I have examined the above Balance Sheet of The South African Library for the Blind as at the 31st December, 1944, and in my opinion, it is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs according to the information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books of the Society.

E. A. P. WAGSTAFF,
Certified Accountant,
Auditor.

23rd May, 1945.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1944.

EXPENDITURE.			
1944. Dec. 31.			
To Salaries and Bonuses	£649	2	0
„ Wages	52	5	6
„ Rates and Taxes	42	17	10
„ Advertising, Printing and Stationery	55	19	11
„ Accountancy	12	0	0
„ Insurance	9	9	10
„ Lighting	4	14	6
„ Repairs	6	10	3
„ Sundry Expenses	16	17	7
„ Donations to Other Institutions	22	0	0
„ Postages and Stamps	66	6	4
„ Travelling Expenses	25	1	4
„ Staff Provident Fund Contribution (1943 and 1944)	100	0	0
„ Depreciation:—			
Property 1%	£29	15	0
Furniture and Equipment 7½%	15	16	6
Books, Cases, etc., 10%	92	0	3
Talking Book Equipment 20%	137	10	7
	275	2	4
	£1338	7	5

INCOME.			
1944. Dec. 31.			
By Donations, Subscriptions and Collections....	£472	3	8
„ Rents Receivable	170	0	10
„ Grants:—			
Provincial Councils:			
Natal	£50	0	0
Cape	175	0	0
Orange Free State	25	0	0
Transvaal	100	0	0
	350	0	0
Department of Social Welfare	200	0	0
Divisional Councils:			
Albany	5	0	0
Port Elizabeth	10	0	0
	15	0	0
Municipalities:			
Johannesburg	10	0	0
Grahamstown	10	0	0
Queenstown	2	2	0
	22	2	0
„ Interest and Dividends	94	6	5
	1323	12	11
„ Deficit for the Year	14	14	6
	£1338	7	5

POSTAL REGULATIONS.

LITERATURE FOR THE BLIND.

Papers of any kind, periodicals, and books, impressed or to be impressed in "Braille," or other special type for the use of the blind, when posted within the Union for transmission to a place within the Union, are transmissible at the rate given below, provided that they—

- (a) do not contain any communication, either in writing or printed in ordinary type, except the title and table of contents of the book or periodical and any key to or instructions for the use of the special type, or any enclosure except a label for the return of the packet;
- (b) bear on the outside the inscription "Literature for the Blind," and the name and address of the sender;
- (c) be posted either without a cover or in a cover open at both ends which can easily be removed for examination of the contents;

For a packet not exceeding 3lb. in weight.....	½d.
For a packet exceeding 3lb. and not exceeding 7lb.....	1d.
For a packet exceeding 7lb. and not exceeding 11lb.....	1½d.
For a packet exceeding 11lb. and not exceeding 15lb. 6oz. ..	2d.

The limit of weight is 15lb. 6oz., and the maximum dimensions are the same as for letters.

Voice records on discs, styled "Talking Book records," securely packed, are also transmissible at the above rates, provided they are despatched from or addressed to certain recognised institutes for the blind. (Page 42, Post Office Guide, January, 1941.)